

(f) Holding of competitions for the production of children's literature in all languages of India.

(g) Setting up of a National Board of Basic Education to review the progress of basic education and advise the State and Central Governments on programmes and policies to be adopted for its development.

2. An Education Commission, to 4,0 into every respect of education and *inter-alia* to point out defects, if any, and suggest measures for its removal has recently been appointed. The Commission is expected to give its report by the end of March 1966.]

GRANTS GIVEN BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO STATES FOR BUILDING HOUSES FOR TEACHERS

•128. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Grant.* given to State Governments (Statewise) by Central Government for assisting school teachers to build houses for themselves; and

(b) whether all the amount is being utilised for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) None.

(b) Question does not arise.

MOZAMBIQUE INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION

•40. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received applications from the Mozambique Indian Representatives Association for compensa-

*Transferred from the 8th September, 1954.

tion of their lost assets in Mozambique;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of assets lost and the amount of compensation asked for; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI): (a) The Government of India have received over 450 representations from the Indian repatriates from Mozambique. Some of the representations were received through the Mozambique Indian Repatriates Association and others were received direct.

(b) According to the representations the total value of such assets comes to about Rs. 5.30 crores.

(c) The Embassy of Mexico in Lisbon, who are looking after our interest in Portugal, will be sending their representative to Mozambique in the near future. The matter will be considered further in the light of the report from the Mexican representative.

AGITATION BY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN KERALA

•129. SHRI JOSEPH MATHEN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has offered assistance to the Government of Kerala to meet the demands of the Private School Teachers in that State; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the help that the Centre propose to extend to that State?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) No separate or special assistance has been offered for meeting the recent demands of private school teachers in Kerala.

(b) Does not arise.